

RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
RE: AUTHORIZATION OF THE FILING OF A PART I LOAN
AND GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE SUMNER STREET PUBLIC
HOUSING URBAN RENEWAL AREA

WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the public interest that the Boston Redevelopment Authority avail itself of the financial assistance provided by Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, to carry out the urban renewal project described as Sumner Street Public Housing Urban Renewal Area, hereinafter referred to as the "Project": and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the Federal contract for such financial assistance pursuant to said Title I will impose certain obligations and responsibilities upon the Local Public Agency and will require among other things (1) the provisions of local grants-in-aid; and (2) other local obligations and responsibilities in connection with the undertaking and carrying out of urban renewal projects; and

WHEREAS, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance and Executive Order 11246, as amended, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in sale, lease or other disposition of residential property (including land intended for residential use) or in the use or occupancy thereof; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of the Urban Renewal Plan cannot be achieved through rehabilitation of the Project Area:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

1. That the United States of America and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development be, and they hereby are, assured of full compliance by the Boston Redevelopment Authority with regulations of the Department of Housing and Urban Development effectuating Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and applicable Executive Orders.
2. That an application on behalf of the Boston Redevelopment Authority for a temporary loan under Section 102(a) of said Title I in the amount of \$3,326,924 and for a project capital grant in the amount of \$3,176,924 is hereby approved, and that the Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute and to file such application with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to provide such additional information and to furnish such documents as may be required in behalf of said Department, and to act as the authorized correspondent of the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
PUBLIC MEETING
SUMNER STREET PUBLIC HOUSING URBAN RENEWAL AREA
MARCH 19, 1970
Offices of Boston Redevelopment Authority
City Hall
One City Hall Square
Boston, Massachusetts

RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

After the presentation to the public by the Authority and its staff of the proposed Urban Renewal Plan, opportunity will be afforded to all persons to present their views with respect to the plan. All residents, property owners, and representatives of business and institutions located in the immediate vicinity of the proposed Sumner Street Public Housing Urban Renewal Area desiring to speak will be given preference. All speakers will be limited to a five minute period. The following schedule will be observed:

- A. Those in favor of the proposed plan -
30 minutes
- B. Those opposed to the proposed plan -
30 minutes

Thereafter, alternate periods of such duration as the Chairman deems appropriate will be available respectively to those in favor of the proposed plan, and those opposed, until all who wish to be heard have been given an opportunity to do so.

Each speaker will be required to identify himself, his place of residence, and the organization he represents, if any. Written views or statements with respect to the proposed plan may be submitted to the Authority at the meeting.

The Authority shall not entertain or consider at this public meeting any evidence, opinion or views regarding any program or project which is outside the area here involved.

MEMORANDUM

February 19, 1970

TO: Boston Redevelopment Authority

FROM: John D. Warner, Director

SUBJECT: SUMNER STREET PUBLIC HOUSING URBAN RENEWAL AREA
PROPOSED URBAN RENEWAL PLAN

Summary: This memorandum requests consideration of a proposed Urban Renewal Project for public housing primarily for the elderly on Sumner Street, in East Boston; requests authorization to submit Part I of the Final Project Report to the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and requests the Authority to set a date for a public meeting on the proposed Urban Renewal Plan.

The staff of the BRA in concert with the staff of the Boston Housing Authority has prepared a proposal for the development of much needed public housing to serve the East Boston area.

The site which consists of approximately nine acres is adjacent to Maverick Square and is bounded generally by Summer, Bremen, Marginal, Lewis and Webster Streets. The area is occupied by one substandard residential building housing two families, nine substandard industrial and commercial buildings, parking lots and vacant land.

It is proposed that approximately 280 units of housing for the elderly and possibly 20 family units be developed on the site.

The estimated gross project cost is \$4,633,986 and the net project cost is estimated to be \$4,483,986. The local share for financing the project will be made up of non-cash grants-in-aid in the estimated amount of \$1,407,778 provided by the Boston Housing Authority under the provisions of Section 107 of the National Housing Act and a cash contribution of \$86,884, one half of which may be defrayed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The proposed project meets the National Housing Objectives established by the Congress and the Department of Housing and Urban Development has indicated they look with favor upon projects of this nature.

The Board of Commissioners of the Boston Housing Authority at its regular meeting, February 4, 1970, voted to undertake this project on the condition that the land be made available through an urban renewal project.

Recent meetings with citizen groups in East Boston support the proposed development by a large majority.

It is recommended that the Authority approve the establishment of the Sumner Street Public Housing Urban Renewal Area. It is further recommended that the Authority authorize the submission of a Final Project Report Part I to the Department of Housing and Urban Development and further that the Authority establish March 19, 1970, as the date for a public meeting on the Sumner Street Project.

Attached is an appropriate Resolution.